

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PEKING 00549 01 OF 02 240834Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 OMB-01 CU-02 /070 W

-----241012Z 071754 /21

R 240740Z MAR 77

FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7459

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 PEKING 0549

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, ECON, CH

SUBJ: USLO OFFICERS VISIT HANGCHOU

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE VIOLENT FACTIONAL DISPUTES THAT HAVE WRACKED HANGCHOU AND CHEKIANG PROVINCE APPEAR TO HAVE SUBSIDED. A FEW REFERENCES TO THE 5.4 MOVEMENT PAINTED ON WALLS ARE STILL FAINTLY LEGIBLE BUT DATE BACK TO THE SUMMER OF 1976 OR EARLIER. POSTER ATTACKS ON INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED TO THE GANG OF FOUR ARE NUMEROUS, HOWEVER, AND THERE ARE OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE GAME OF POLITICS IS PLAYED MORE ROUGHLY IN CHEKIANG THAN IN OTHER PARTS OF CHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO OFFICERS MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS DURING VISITS TO HANGCHOU MARCH 11-16.

3. SECURITY MEASURES. PSB OFFICERS WITH PISTOLS PATROL THE HANGCHOU RAILWAY STATION WHERE A NUMBER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PEKING 00549 01 OF 02 240834Z

OF PLA SOLDIERS APPEAR TO BE ON DUTY. ARMED SENTRIES GUARD THE GATES OF THE HANGCHOU HOTEL. AN ARMORED VEHICLE RESEMBLING A PADDY WAGON WAS PARKED AT MAJOR DOWNTOWN INTERSECTION WHERE POSTER ACTIVITY WAS CONCENTRATED. TWO PLA WERE IN THE CAB.

4. A PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEBRUARY 12 TRIALS

BY THE MIDDLE-LEVEL COURT (CHUNG CHI FA YUAN) LISTED OVER TWENTY SENTENCES, AND SEVEN EXECUTIONS. FIVE OF THE EXECUTIONS WERE FOR COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY CRIMES. THE LARGEST GROUP OF SIX COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WAS HEADED BY HUANG SHIH-CHIN (7806/4258/6855). HUANG WAS EXECUTED FOR DISTRIBUTING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE FROM 1974 ON. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE EXECUTIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AND CONCLUDED: "LET THIS BE A WARNING TO THE SMALL HANDFUL OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS. SURRENDER, CONFESS, REPENT AND ACT PROPERLY OR YOU WILL BE STRUCK DOWN BY THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT."

5. BLACK MARKETING. BOTH CITY AND DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS INVEIGHED AGAINST BLACK MARKETING OF WATCHES, BICYCLES AND OTHER GOODS AND WARNED AGAINST SELLING OF GRAIN, COTTON AND OTHER RATION TICKETS.

6. POSTER OBSERVATIONS.

A. OUTSIDE THE WEST LAKE DISTRICT PARTY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OFFICE: SIGNS CALLING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF WEST LAKE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS TING JU-NAN (0002/3067/0589) AND YANG AH-LIU (2799/7093/0362).

B. POSTERS DATED FROM LATE FEBRUARY TO MID-MARCH ATTACKED THE FOLLOWING
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PEKING 00549 01 OF 02 240834Z

AS HENCHMEN OF THE GANG OF FOUR: VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE CHEKIANG PRC CHANG YUNG-SHENG AND CHEN TSO-LIN, PRC STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WENG SEN-HO AND MO HSIEN-YAO, ALSO A CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, TRADE UNION COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN HO HSIEN-CHUN AND SHIH CHING (4258/0282) AND WANG PAO-FU (3769/1405/9395) WHOSE POSITIONS ARE NOT IDENTIFIABLE. IN THE SAME AREA ANOTHER POSTER ATTACKED LAI (6351), LO (5012) AND CHIU (6726) WITHOUT PROVIDING GIVEN NAMES OR JOB TITLES. THESE MIGHT WELL BE PRC VICE CHAIRMEN LAI KO-KO AND LO YI AND HANGCHOU MRC VICE CHAIRMAN CHIU CHIANG.

C. IN A LONG, DETAILED AND RECENT POSTER MO HSIEN-YAO WAS ACCUSED OF SELLING PARTY AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

THE AUTHORS QUOTED CHEN TSO-LIN AS TELLING THE PROVINCIAL STUDY TACHAI ASSEMBLY "THE LIN PIAO COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GROUP AND THE GANG OF FOUR

ARE SIMILAR BUT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SETTLE WITH ALL OF THEM." THE AUTHORS AGREED VEHEMENTLY AND POINTED TO THE FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE MO'S DEALINGS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE LINGERING PROBLEMS IN THE LEADERSHIP. ANOTHER OLDER POSTER ATTACKED CHEN TSO-LIN AND THE BLACK HAND OF THE GANG OF FOUR IN WENCHOU.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PEKING 00549 02 OF 02 240909Z
ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 OMB-01 CU-02 /070 W
-----241002Z 072226 /21

R 240740Z MAR 77
FM USLO PEKING
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7460
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
CINCPAC FOR POLAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 PEKING 0549

D. NEARBY WERE A LARGE POSTER CALLING FOR AUTHORITIES TO "PULL AWAY THE ROTTEN PART OF THE MEAT IN THE MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE" AND DENUNCIATIONS OF CHIN YU-HUA AND WU CHIA-HO AS AGENTS OF THE GANG OF FOUR.

E. OUTSIDE THE CHEKIANG PROVINCIAL MUSEUM:
CARTOONS DENOUNCING THE GANG OF FOUR SHOWED WENG SEN-HO, CHANG YUNG-SHENG AND HO HSIEN-CHUN AS LARGE RATS LEADING THE WAY FOR CHIANG CHING.

7. AS TOLD BY CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE. A CTS GUIDE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMENTS ON THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION: CHEKIANG PVOINCE AND HANGCHOU AND WENCHOU MUNICIPALITIES HAD HAD PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF WENG SEN-HO, A CLOSE FRIEND AND AGENT OF WANG HUNG-WEN. WENG AND HIS COHORTS HAD DISRUPTED OPERATIONS IN TEXTILE MILLS

AND OTHER FACTORIES IN CHEKIANG BY UNDERCUTTING THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE REGULAR REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PEKING 00549 02 OF 02 240909Z

CHAIRMAN MAO HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT WENG'S ACTIVITIES
AS EARLY AS THE SPRING OF 1975 AND IN THE SUMMER OF
THAT YEAR THE CENTER HAD ISSUED A DOCUMENT CALLING
FOR CHEKIANG TO END THE "TWO RUSHES": QUICK ENTRANCE
INTO THE PARTY AND QUICK PROMOTIONS. WENG HAD
FINALLY BEEN REMOVED AT THE DIRECT ORDER OF CHAIRMAN MAO.

8. ACCORDING TO THE GUIDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HANGCHOU
MRC HAD BEEN REPLACED IN THE FALL OF 1975 BY CHIANG
TE-YU AND "NO CITY OFFICIAL HAD BEEN OVERTHROWN SINCE
THEN--NOT YET." RECTIFICATION WAS PROCEEDING "CAUTIOUSLY."
FEW WOULD BE EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY. ON
THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL TAN CHI-LUNG HAD BEEN MOVED
TO ANOTHER PROVINCE BUT HIS TRANSFER WAS NOT TO BE
CONSIDERED A DEMOTION. HE HAD BEEN REPLACED BY TIEH
YING, "A MILITARY MAN", WHO WAS SERVING AS FIRST
SECRETARY OF THE PROVINCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLU-
TIONARY COMMITTEE AND FIRST COMMISSAR OF THE CHEKIANG
MILITARY DISTRICT. (TIEH'S APPOINTMENT WAS BEING
HAILED IN HANGCHOW WALL POSTERS AT THE TIME.)

9. IT WAS TRUE THAT MANY HAD BEEN INJURED AND SOME
KILLED IN CHEKIANG FACTIONAL CLASHES, ESPECIALLY IN
FACTORIES. THE PLA HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY
OF THESE STRUGGLES, HOWEVER. PLA MEMBERS WERE NOW
"HELPING OUT" AT SOME FACTORIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS
SUCH AS THE RAILROADS, BUT THIS WAS A MATTER OF
SUPPLYING LABOR AND NOT A MILITARY TAKEOVER. THERE
HAD BEEN NO MILITARY CONTROL OF FACTORIES IN HANGCHOU.

10. THE SITUATION IN WENCHOU, ACCORDING TO THE CTS
GUIDE, HAD AT LAST BEEN RECENTLY STABILIZED WHEN THE
CENTER DIRECTED THE CHEKIANG PARTY COMMITTEE TO SEND
A SPECIAL WORK TEAM WITH SIXTY-TWO MEMBERS TO OPERATE
IN FACTORIES AND HELP REBUILD LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.
THIS GROUP HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE PLA.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PEKING 00549 02 OF 02 240909Z

11. IN THE HANGCHOW BROCADE MILL A BRIEFER DEVOTED
MORE ENERGY TO DENOUNCING WENG SEN-HO'S DISRUPTION OF
PRODUCTION THAN SHE DID TO THE GANG OF FOUR.

12. SOME-ARE-MORE-EQUAL DEPARTMENT. WHILE AT THE HANGCHOW BOTANICAL GARDEN A USLO OFFICER NOTICED A GRAY-HAIRED SENIOR CADRE SELECT TWO POTTED ORCHIDS AND THEN RIDE OFF IN THE ONLY NEW TOYOTA SEEN IN HANGCHOU. "THAT WAS FENG KO", THE CTS GUIDE SAID, "THE NEW VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEKIANG REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE."

13. US-PRC RELATIONS. A HANGCHOU UNIVERSITY TEACHER REMARKED THAT HE HAD READ WITH SOME HOPE IN REFERENCE NEWS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S RECENT TESTIMONY ON US RELATIONS WITH CHINA. HE SAID THAT FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S VIEWS ON NORMALIZATION HAD ALSO BEEN REPORTED IN REFERENCE NEWS. A CTS GUIDE BLAMED FORMER AMBASSADOR KARL RANKIN FOR THE LONG DELAY IN NORMALIZATION. HE HAD NOTED IN READING AMBASSADOR RANKIN'S MEMOIRS THAT RANKIN TOOK CONSIDERABLE CREDIT FOR ADVOCATING THE SIGNING OF THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY WITH THE ROC. "WITHOUT THE TREATY WE WOULD HAVE NORMALIZED OUR RELATIONS LONG AGO," HE SAID. GATES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, PARTY DISSENSION, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 24-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PEKING00549
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770101-0024
Format: TEL
From: PEKING
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770326/aaaaawjf.tel
Line Count: 246
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: aeae61b2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3008467
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: USLO OFFICERS VISIT HANGCHOU
TAGS: PINT, ECON, PFOR, CH, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/aeae61b2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009